STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 545

OPTICIANS

The General Optical Council (Investigating Committee Rules) (Amendment) Order of Council 1983

Made - - - -	*7th April* 1983
Laid before Parliament	14*th April* 1983
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1983

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 7th day of April 1983

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 9(3) of the Opticians Act 1958(**a**) the General Optical Council have made the Investigating Committee (Amendment) Rules 1983.

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Them by section 9(4) of the said Act and of all other powers Them enabling, to approve the same as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Investigating Committee Rules) (Amendment) Order of Council 1983, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1983.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE (AMENDMENT) RULES 1983

In pursuance of their powers under section 9(3) of the Opticians Act 1958 the General Optical Council hereby make the following rules:—

1. These rules may be cited as the Investigating Committee (Amendment) Rules 1983.
2. Paragraph (*e*) of rule 3 of the Investigating Committee Rules 1960 (scheduled to the General Optical Council (Investigating Committee Rules) Order of Council 1960(**b**) shall be replaced by the following paragraph—

(**a**) 1958 c. 32. (**b**) S.I. 1960/1935.

"(*e*) A further member of the Council, being a member chosen under sub-paragraph (*c*), or the member nominated by the Association of Dispensing Opticians under sub-paragraph (*d*), of paragraph 1 of the Schedule, to serve as a member of the Committee only on occasions when the member of the Committee appointed under paragraph (*d*) of this rule has given notice to the Registrar of the Council that he is of opinion that it would be improper for him to join in the proceedings of the Committee because he has a special acquaintance or connection with a disciplinary case coming before the Committee."

3. These rules shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1983.

Sealed on the 3rd day of March 1983.

Attested by:—

Mary G. Green,
Member of Council.

M. J. Gilkes,
Member of Council.

(L.S.)

J. Daniel Devlin,
Registrar.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

The amending rules approved by this Order allow another representative of dispensing opticians to replace the normal representatives of such opticians on the Investigating Committee of the General Optical Council where the latter is unable to act because of a special acquaintance or connection with a particular disciplinary case. Under the existing rules, the substitute must be either a medical practitioner or a lay member.

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